

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. New claims 47 and 48 have been added to further define the invention.

**Election of Species Requirement**

In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement as mailed on February 3, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse the species of Figs. 27 A and B. Claims 1-17, 47, and 48, are readable on the elected species.

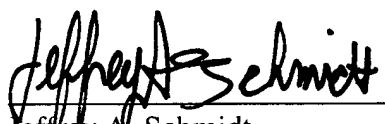
**Extension of Time**

Because no shortened statutory period for response was set in the February 3 Office Action, the period for response extends to August 3, 2003 without any payment for extension of time being necessary. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

**Conclusion**

An early and favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 47 and 48 have been added as new claims.